search, the group also offered for assessment undisclosed income of Rs. 4.25 crore. In searches conducted in February, 1992, unaccounted assets of Rs. 48.78 crore were seized from the Group. They have also offered for assessment on 2.6.92 undisclosed income of Rs. 100 crore but have neither paid tax on this income nor filed returns of income. In the course of these searches, documents, accounts and computerised information have also been seized for investigation to determine the sourcesand quantum of the incomes of members of the group. During financial years 1988-89 to 1991-92, the group paid income tax of Rs. Rs. 11.29 crores. Assessment of income and determination of tax are yet to be completed and therefore the position of arrears has not yet crystalised.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b).

(d) and (e) There is no such evidence of guilt of negligence or collusion.

Government officers's kin employed in Foreign Banks

537. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and qualifications of sons/daughters and close relations of Central Government officers who are employed with foreign banks functions in India or other branches abroad;

(b) what are the details of salary drawn by each one of them and the manner in which they were selected;

(c) whether the officers, especially of Ministry of Finance, had informed Government of their employment;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures Government propose to take to break the nexus between top Government officials and foreign banks as per the findings of Reserve Bank of India report on multi-crore scam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

Land in Goa belonging to Harshad Mehta

538. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report regarding land in Goa belonging to Shri Harshad Mehta as reported in "Maharashtra Times" dated the 25th June, 1992.

(b) if so, whether this land has been purchased from Bank scam Money and is liable to be confiscated under the provision of the Ordinance promulgated; and

(c) whether this land belongs to a private or public institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, to the extent available.

Export Committee of wage structure

539. MAULANA ORAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the location of the Secretariat of the high level Expert Committee set up to examine the structure of emoluments and allowances admissible to the employees of the Central Government, Public Seccor Enterprises and the Nationalised Banks;

(b) the number of meetings of the said Committee held so far;

(c) whether any interim report has been submitted by the Committee; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not by when a final report is likely to be submitted by the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) New Delhi.

(b) The Committee is working on regular basis and has held a series of meetings with the Secretaries to the Government of India/Chairman-cum-Managing Directors of the Public Sector Undertakings, including banks, and representatives of the Staff Associations, etc.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The Committee started functioning from May, 1992. It is required to submit a document on the structure of emoluments, etc. within four months.

हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले में बैंकों की शाखाएं खोलने के लिए संसद सदस्य का प्रस्ताव

450. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले के जगतसुख और बजैरा में राष्ट्रीय कृत बैंकों की शाखाएं खोले जाने के संबंध में राज्य सभा के किसी सदस्य की ओर से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह प्रस्ताव कब प्राप्त हुआ था ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले में जगतसुख और बजरा में बैंक शाखाएं खोले जाने के वास्ते भारतीय स्टेट बैंक को सितम्बर, 1990 में श्री महेश्वर सिंह, संसद सदस्य के अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ था । भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा अनुरोध को स्वीकार नहीं किया गया क्योंकि जनसंख्या मानदंडों के आधार पर कुल्लू ब्लाक में बैंक कार्यालयों की संख्या अधिक थी और प्रस्तावित केन्द्रों से 4 से 6 कि० मी० के भीतर बैंकिंग सुविधायें उपलब्ध थीं । भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक महसूस करता है कि इन गांवों की बैंकिंग आवश्यकताओं को उन बैंक शाखाओं द्वारा पूरा किया जा जा सकता था जिन्हें सेवा क्षेत्र योजना के अंतर्गत ये गांव आवंटित किए गए हैं ।

Looting of bank van of Vijaya Bank in Bihar

541. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 4th June, 1992 a sum of Rs. 40 lakhs was robbed by armed men from the Vijaya Bank's van carrying the money from the Gaya Branch of the bank for depositing it in the Reserve Bank of Patna;

(b) if so, what are the details of the case;

(c) what security measures were taken for the safeguard of the money; and

(d) what steps government have taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Vijaya Bank has reported that a dacoity took place on 24.6.92 involving a sum of Rs. 40 lacs. The cash was being transported in a motor van for remittances from Vijaya Bank, Gaya branch to the Currency Chest of Vijaya Bank at Patna. There was no casualty.

(c) The bank had provided 2 armed guards to the cash van of the bank in addition to the accompanying officer, one sub staff and the river.

(d) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a considerable extent, depend on the general security environment in the locality. Security measures implemented by public sector banks are reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines/instructions are given to the banks.